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Crime Notes 2011

Feb. 21 – A female student made a report to police that she had been receiving text messages from an ex-boyfriend that threatened the safety of her current boyfriend.

Feb. 22 – Police responded to a call from someone saying that a woman was belligerently screaming at an employee inside of the parking lot booth in Lot 2.

Feb. 22 – Police investigated a room in Boston Hall that smelled strongly of marijuana. A student admitted that he had been smoking marijuana, but did not have any in his room.

Feb. 23 – A tool bag was stolen from a university vehicle in parking Lot 11.

Feb. 23 – Police were called to the Student Union basketball courts on a report of a fight in progress.

Feb. 24 – A man was given a criminal citation for urinating in the bushes along Zink Road.

Feb. 26 – Two people were arguing in the parking lot outside of the Creative Arts Center and one person was making threats that she was going to harm herself.

Feb. 26 – An unknown object was thrown through a first floor window of Boston Hall.

Feb. 26 – Police were called to College Park to do a welfare check on a student who was making threats of hurting herself.

Feb. 26 – Police arrested an individual who was staggering along the sidewalk by Zink Road and was suspected of being intoxicated.

Feb. 27 – A student's clothes were vandalized and scattered throughout the laundry room at Village Drive. The button that controls the handicap door was also damaged.



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Engineering student embraces challenge of male-dominated major

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It was a special day at the career fair for Lisa Dewart. She had dressed professionally in hopes of new opportunities. She saw a lot of her friends there, but the familiar faces recognized her with gaping stares. She wasn't "one of the guys."

Moments like these are a large part of what women in traditionally male-oriented environments can go through. Lisa Dewart, a junior Material Sciences and Engineering major, said that most of the men treat her like "one of the guys." It allows her to focus on learning, but on days when she dresses up, it can ostracize her from them.

"I hear it all the time, why don't you look nice?" Dewart said. "I don't have time to take care of myself. I need to care about school, so when I do have time, people forget that you're a girl until days like that. They think of you as one of the guys and they're like whoa. You can see that they forgot you were a girl."

According to the Student Fact Book, there are 967 total students in the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences. More specifically, there are 788 men and 179 women. That's a ratio of over five men to one woman.

"That's something I've grown accustomed to, but it gives me more mental strength," she said. "There's no reason I can't do it if they can. It gives me more opportunities and motivation to want to do it."

Dewart said engineering is a family-oriented environment. When she first came to WSU, there was an engineering program a week before school started, which it helped her meet a lot of the guys and become friends with them. She said that initially she had to be one of the guys, or she wouldn't have found her niche. Dewart said the professors look out for her, and that while she can't vouch for the guys, she knows that they care about her interests and well-being.

She said she knows two other girls, both material engineers as well.

"There's no one else that remotely look like us," Dewart said. "We're very well known because there's so few of us. It's got advantages and disadvantages."

She said one of the advantages is that most men treat her like they treat each other. There's no real sexism, being a woman allows her to stand out.

"All of the guys know who the girls are," she said. "Even if you don't talk, they know who you are."

She also said she didn't know if she could handle being a guy, because there's so much competition among each other. One advantage that will help her when she graduates.

Dewart said there's many disadvantages too. She said people can look down on you for being a woman.

"Older gentleman are very demeaning towards me," she said. "Any time I ask a question, they give me a look like why are you here? I get dirty looks a lot in those cases. I think that's more of an age difference between me and my classmates."

Dewart said the biggest disadvantage is people testing her knowledge because she's a girl. "If I were to tell you two plus two equals four, people hesitate, and that truly bothers me," she said. "Just because I'm a female doesn't mean I can't know the same things a man knows."

She said there are only a few male students that will come to her for material answers. She thinks they are afraid to ask because it could be demeaning to their sex.

Dewart is a member of the Society of Women Engineers. "I was nominated in the spring quarter of my freshman year to be treasurer, and I won," Dewart said. "I accepted the position and I did really well. We did a lot of fund raising. I enjoy spending time with girls. It gives me a sense of belonging."

Dewart said she became an engineer because she is a nerd. She graduated 6th in her class in high school.

"Some kids are good at soccer, some kids are good at basketball. I'm just really good at school, and I love math."

Other WSU students shared similar opinions.

"I would probably feel ostracized and uncomfortable being in a situation like that, but I would do my best to be professional and show up the other men and prove myself to everyone," said Emily Welker, a Freshman majoring in business.

The Raj Soin College of Business has 1,194 students. There are 699 men and 495 women, a 1.5:1 ratio.

"I think that as long as we are

treated and viewed as equals, it wouldn't bother me to be in an environment like that," said Dionne Payne, a freshman at WSU.

Some students feel that male-dominated environments are still holding women back.

"I think that sometimes just being a woman puts you at a disadvantage," said Tony Beach, a senior at WSU. "Some people might see a woman doctor and not take her diagnosis at face value, just because she's a woman. I think it's tough to be a woman in those environments."

Dewart offered some final advice for women interested in engineering and for women in male dominated fields.

"If you want to be an engineer, you better hit the ground running," she said. "You have to deal with the academic parts and immerse yourself into the social aspects. Be willing to be friends with them. Don't let the fact that they're men scare you. At the end of the day, they're just people."

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Women's graduation rates on the rise

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Over the past six years, female students at Wright State University have surpassed men in almost every other statistic, graduation included.

Currently women are leading the way in education, liberal arts and nursing fields.

According to the Wright State Fact Book, since 2004, women's retention rates are 5 percent higher than men's. Women are doing better than men in cumulative grade point average, test scores and taking fewer years to graduate.

"I think women's graduation rates are passing men's because we're finally getting over the sexism hump," said Norris Collins, WSU senior. "The

truth is coming out that women are smarter than men."

Overall, male and female graduation rates at WSU have remained competitive with other colleges in the state of Ohio, but remain below average.

According to collegeportrait.com, since 2002, more than 75% of WSU students have either graduated or have moved on to higher education four years after starting college. Compared to the University of Cincinnati's 84% and Cleveland State University's 68%, WSU's graduation rates are near the average for Ohio schools.

Students and staff will wait to see if graduation rates remain consistent once WSU transitions to semesters in the fall of 2012.

"Long term, I think the transition to semesters will benefit students," said

Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies, Thomas Sudkamp.

In semesters, WSU will be using the Grad Success Project that will help cut down on the number of courses needed for graduation.

Overall Graduation Rates

Grad w/ BA in 6 years

National Average	56.1%
Ohio Average	55.3%
WSU Average	43.0%

March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 UCIE Brown Bag Seminar E190 Student Union 12-1 p.m.	3 March Fiesta Student Union Atrium 7-10 p.m.	4 Fashion Industry Forum 120 Medical Sciences 6-10 p.m.	5 "Beloved Everlasting" Jubilee Directing Lab 8-9 p.m.
6 "Beloved Everlasting" Jubilee Directing Lab 3-4 p.m.	7 The Price is Wright game night E156 Endeavour 7:30-9:30 p.m.	8 Healthy: Mind, Body and Spirit Hearth Lounge 7-9 p.m.	9 Health and Safety Week: Day 3 E 156A Student Union 12-3 p.m.	10 Women's Forum Student Union Atrium 6-8 p.m.	11 Karaoke Night Student Union Atrium 7-9 p.m.	12 Baseball vs. Oakland Nischwitz Stadium 12-6 p.m.
13 Baseball at UD Dayton, OH 2-5 p.m.	14 Finals Survival - Good Morning Commuters Commuter Student Lounge 9-11 a.m.	15 Women's tennis vs. Houston South Regency Tennis Center 12-3 p.m.	16 Baseball vs. Toledo Nischwitz Stadium 6:30-9:30 p.m.	17 Dayton Gems vs. Evansville Hara Arena \$1 beer 7 p.m.	18 Track at Early Bird Relays Cincinnati, OH All Day	19 Monster Jam Thunder Nationals Nutter Center 2 and 7:30 p.m.
20	21	22 Baseball at Xavier Cincinnati, OH 3-6 p.m.	23 Softball at UD Dayton, OH 3-7 p.m.	24 UCIE Study Abroad 101 General Info Session E190 Student Union 12-1 p.m.	25 Baseball vs. Youngstown St. Nischwitz Stadium 6:30-9:30 p.m.	26 Softball vs. Cleveland State WSU Softball Field 1-5 p.m.
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Spring fashion brings new trends

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Spring is just around the corner, and the warmer weather is bringing in some hot fashion trends for women.

Although not all these trends are new, they are reinventions of past decades.

The 70's style long, flared jean is back in full force. These jeans look great with cropped tops for those who worked hard all winter to show off some skin.

Don't worry about showing off too much though. Most of these jeans tend to be higher waisted, making women's legs look long and lean.

"Nothing too crazy is in like the previous seasons," said Brian Boone, lead stock employee at Abercrombie & Fitch. "I really think its back to the basics."

Although Dayton may not be near the water, that doesn't mean you

can't rock the nautical styles that are showing up in stores everywhere.

Make these nautical styles ultra feminine, wear a light cotton scarf, big statement earrings or a pair of super high heels.

"Spaghetti straps and really airy pieces are in," said Boone. "Everything is a lot looser and not as tight fitting."

Investing in an airy, loose, floral dress is a must.

These dresses are perfect for a casual day of shopping or a night on the town. Pair them with either flats or heeled strappy sandals, depending on the look you're going for.

As far as shoes are concerned, a light or even darker shade of tan seems to be the new black this season.

Whether they are flats, heels, sandals or wedges, they are appearing everywhere in the glossy pages of fashion magazines.

Whatever your style is, let loose this spring. Be comfortable, classic and fun, all at the same time.



The Guardian / Chelsea Hall

With spring coming up, some of these clothes will be a hot choice among women.

Students protest Senate Bill 5

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Similar to the massive protests in Wisconsin, Ohioans have been gathering in opposition to a bill that would potentially eliminate union's abilities to strike, or negotiate sick time, vacation and other benefits.

Molly May, the interim vice president for the Democratic Club of Wright State University, has aligned herself with the protesters.

"Even if every state employee were fired," she continues, "it would only cut 2 billion out of the 8 billion dollar deficit."

According to NBC4 Columbus, the bill would affect over 40,000 unionized state workers, including teachers, professors, firefighters, law enforcement, social workers and other government employees.

"The economy can only be improved if the middle class is strong," said May. "Many effected workers fall under that category."

She believes that eliminating collective bargaining could have a negative effect on the quality of education in Ohio, saying it would "definitely be lowered."

"If there isn't collective bargaining rights in Ohio for teachers, they would want to go to a state where they could have better health care benefits, for example," said May.

While there is information being circulated suggesting that states without collective bargaining per-

form worse in terms of ACT and SAT scores, many sources have stated that the statement is based on faulty or outdated data.

Nonetheless, correlations based on standardized testing scores from either side of the issue seem to be specious.

The website www.politifact.com wrote that there is limited evidence that unionization played a causal role in increasing standardized test scores, which are affected by countless other demographic, economic and social factors.

Whether or not unions play a key role in standardized test scores, notwithstanding any other benefits to education offered by a unionized staff, May believes that union busting is not the path to solving Ohio's deficit.

"We have only been in this budget crisis for the past two to three years," said May. "But we have had collective bargaining rights in Ohio for the past 27 years, so you certainly cannot say that there is a correlation there."

The root of the issue for many, however, seems to lie with the purpose of the bill and the effects it could have on Ohio's unionized state workers.

"I just know that it is not going to do what they say it is going to do," said May, speaking of the bills proposed impact on the state's deficit. "It's not going to fix it, and taking it out of the working class does not seem to be the answer."

Rachel Horowitz, a English Education graduate student here at WSU, says that her inspiration is diminishing. "I spent all of this money on educa-

tion, and I'm going into a profession that I will probably never find a job in," said Horowitz. "At times I feel like I wasted my educational career, with all these state jobs potentially cut."

Like many, she said that she loves to teach, but finds the politics in teaching ridiculous.

"In schools you'll often end up losing things like language and arts as well, which is valuable at a young age because it's more difficult to learn as an adult."

Also like many teachers, she decided to become a teacher because she wanted to help people.

"But if things continue the way they are," said Horowitz, "I won't be able to do this. I've dedicated my life to this, and if things go the way they are, I won't be able to pursue my life's work."

These cuts being combined with the teaching job market being very hostile towards new workers, due to the extensive education and certification requirements for a modest salary. But Horowitz, like many, plans to teach regardless.

Students interested in reading the bill for themselves can visit www.legislature.state.oh.us.

For more information on the rallies taking place in Ohio, visit www.SB5Ohio.com or www.ProgressOhio.org. For students who want their voice to be heard, Molly Finch recommends contacting your state senator or writing a letter to the editor of your local paper.



WSU student, Molly May takes part in a protest against Senate Bill 5 in Columbus.

Photo provided by: Molly May

WSU celebrates Women's Month

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March is Women's History Month, a month for recognizing women's contributions to society, both historically and contemporary.

On March 3, acclaimed author and professor Jennifer Boylan will deliver the keynote address in the Millet Atrium, titled "Gender and Imagination: An Afternoon with Jennifer Finney Boylan."

The audience will be treated to an early reading from her soon to be released novel, "I'll Give You Something to Cry About."

She will also provide readings from her two memoirs, "She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders," published in 2003, and "I'm Looking Through You: Growing Up Haunted," published in 2008.

"She's Not There" is the first bestselling work by a transgender American. It details the unique story of her transformation from James to Jenny, and the subsequent transformation of her relationships with friends and loved ones.

On Boylan's website, she describes the book as following "the arc of gender as it affected two of my most important relationships- that with my wife Deedie, whom I call "Grace" in the book, and that with novelist Richard Russo, as our friendship morphed from one between two men to one between a man and a woman."

"I'm Looking Through You" is her 2008 memoir about her time spent as a child in the "Coffin House," a 19th century Victorian style home in Devon, Pennsylvania.

In this memoir, she attempts to "show how love, forgiveness and humor help us find peace with our ghosts, loved ones and with the uncanny boundaries, real and imagined, between men and women."

Apart from her speeches and readings from her novels, Boylan

will be available afterward to answer questions and sign books.

During her visit she also plans to visit several classes and meet with student groups and leaders.

Boylan has written 13 books, and also contributed to the op-ed pages of the New York Times, GQ Magazine, Allure and Glamour.

She is currently a professor of English at Colby College in Maine, and is a member of the judging committee of the Fulbright Scholars administered by the U.S. Department of State.

On March 8, recognized as International Women's Day, Dr. Judith Ezekiel will be presenting "Celebrating Women: International Women's Day, Feminism and Labor from Petrograd to Paris to Piqua."

This is taking place exactly 100 years after the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire, regarded as the deadliest industrial disaster in the history of New York City and fourth deadliest in U.S. history. One hundred forty-six garment workers, mostly women, either leaped out of the eighth, ninth or 10th story windows to their death or died in the fire.

Since then, the day has been declared by feminists, union activists and socialists as International Women's Day. Dr. Ezekiel will be discussing how women are affected by limits on labor unions and reproductive control.

The Women's History Month Keynote Address and International Women's Day Lecture are being hosted by the WSU Women's Center.

Boylan's Keynote Address will take place on Thursday, March 3 at 2:15 p.m. in the Millet Atrium, while Dr. Ezekiel's Lecture will take place Tuesday, March 8 at 12:15 p.m., also in the Millet Atrium.

For more information on Jennifer Boylan, visit www.jenniferboylan.net. For more information about Women's History Month and upcoming events being hosted by the Women's Center, visit www.wright.edu/women.

The Guardian gives back

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The Guardian has organized a donation for National Women's Appreciation Month, which is the month of March.

Anyone can donate new or gently used clothes, non-perishable food items, kids' toys and many other items. The donations will be given to the YWCA.

There is a box inside The Guardian office, located in the Student Union, where items can be placed.

"I thought it would be really nice to give back," said Guardian employee Emily Earl, who used to be a single mother.

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Raiders win 'Battle' over Green Bay

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The men's basketball team knew their season was on the line last night on Tues., March 1 in their first round Horizon League Tournament game against Green Bay.

They needed an answer and found sophomore forward Armond Battle.

When the Phoenix had the Raiders guarded well, Battle seemed to come through as he scored 13 points and grabbed four rebounds in the 60-50 win over Green Bay.

"He [Battle] was huge," said senior forward Cooper Land. "In the beginning of the game when we were stuck on three points, he came in there and got us going and at the end his free throws were clutch."

Free throws were a huge part of the 36-27 advantage in scoring the Raiders had in the second half.

The Raiders shot 24 free throws in the second half compared to one in the first half.

The game was much like many Raider games have been this season, the tale of two halves.

Senior guard Vaughn Duggins led all scorers with 22 points and also

recorded seven rebounds.

Four Raiders scored in double figures during the victory.

Land had 11 points and senior guard N'Gai Evans had 10 points.

"I thought it was a very physical game," said Head Coach Billy Donlon. "They let us play, which it's tournament basketball that's the way it's gonna be."

With the victory, the Raiders (19-13) will travel to Milwaukee, Wis. to play Cleveland State in the quarterfinal round of the Horizon League Tournament on Fri., March 4 at 6 p.m.

The Raiders have lost twice to the Vikings this season but will be looking for a semifinal berth with a win.

"It's gonna be a huge game coming down to the end of the season," said Evans. "We gotta come out and match their [Cleveland State] intensity and play Wright State basketball."

If the Raiders defeat Cleveland State later this week it would set up a pivotal semi-final round match with rival Butler.

Butler is the two seed team in the Horizon League Tournament and split the regular season series with the Raiders this season.



Armond Battle attempts a shot during the Raiders 60-50 victory over Green Bay in first round Horizon League Tournament action on Tues., March 1. The Raiders advance to the quarterfinals on Fri., March 4 where they play Cleveland State at 6 p.m.

Christian Cone-Lombarte / The Guardian

Grandma inspires women's basketball star



Christian Cone-Lombarte / The Guardian

Senior LaShawna Thomas smiles after scoring the winning basket against Valpo on Saturday, Jan. 8. Thomas and the 2011 senior class close out their regular season at home against on Thursday, March 3 and Milwaukee on Saturday, March 5.

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Last April, four seniors sat at the Berry Room inside the Nutter Center not knowing what to expect from their new coach, Mike Bradbury.

Now the women will post their first winning record the program has seen since 2004, when they won 19 games.

They have won 17 games, with two remaining this weekend and the Horizon League Tournament coming up.

"I think we have come a long way. We deserved to have a winning season with a new coach," said Thomas.

Senior LaShawna Thomas ranks second in career scoring with 1,540 points and could be a candidate for First-Team All-League honors.

While the seniors Ta-myra Davis, Paige Lowe, Tanni Scott and newbie Shaunda Sandifer have all contributed to a successful women's hoops season, the season is far more bittersweet for Thomas.

The big reason Thomas came to Raider country was so her grandma, Nancy Thomas, could come and watch her play.

Nancy lives in the Columbus area. She has made every home game as

well as games that are within the Dayton and Cincinnati area.

"I think being able to have her come to my games allows me to play to my fullest potential," said Thomas.

And at the end of every game, Nancy is there critiquing her granddaughter's performance.

Nancy is now to the point where she knows each player's name, including the freshmen.

The team is looking forward to a deep run in the Horizon League Tournament.

It's a guarantee Nancy will be there cheering all the way.

For now, Thomas plans to go out and win two more for Grandma Thomas.

"She somehow brings me up," said Thomas.

Grandma Thomas has helped her granddaughter turn into one of the all-time Raider hoop greats.

The women's basketball team will wrap up their regular season later this week.

On Thursday, March 3, the fourteenth-ranked nationally Green Bay Phoenix came to Wright State for a 7 p.m. contest.

Senior day will wrap up the season on Saturday, March 5 with a 2 p.m. showdown with Milwaukee.

Softball unified and geared up for another successful season

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Former Head Coach Linda Garza's sudden departure has not phased this year's Raider softball team.

It has brought the team closer.

A winter of training with new Head Coach Lynn Curylo has the team ready to make another run for a Horizon League title.

The team won the 2011 championship last year when they knocked off Cleveland State, and they advanced to the NCAA Tournament in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Although the team was eliminated in the first round, they are not letting that or a change in coaches hamper their chances this year.

"I don't think we should put a lot of pressure on ourselves," said junior infielder China Frost. "Even though we know that we are the team to beat. We just need to focus on the now."

In the Horizon League preseason rankings, the team was picked to

finish third.

The team currently sits at 4-5 overall as they play in warmer climates, waiting until it warms up here in Ohio.

"I continue to challenge them every single day and they just step up and give it back," said Curylo.

The team lost five seniors from the 2010 squad, but there are five freshmen coming in to replace them.

All of the freshman are Garza recruits that decided to stick it out.

Of those five, there is the team's first Canadian. Natasha Szlapetis is from Brampton, Ontario.

Rounding out the list of newcomers are two from Ohio: Kristi Boreing and Liz Matthews.

Two Californians, Kacie Rapshus and Krystian DeWitt have also joined

the squad.

"They [freshman] caught on real quickly with a lot of our things.

Especially the team dynamic, they got along with everybody," said Frost.

The home opener is not scheduled until Saturday, March 26 as they face

Cleveland State in a three-game weekend set with the first game starting at 1 p.m.

There is sure to be some animosity, as the Raiders knocked the Vikings out of the tournament last season.

By playing in tournaments prior to the game, the Raiders are hoping it helps them prepare even more for their league foes.

"We're getting to see better pitchers and that's preparing us for the pitchers we're going to be facing in the

league," said Frost.

This season, the team is led by seniors Justine Shilt, Mollie Berry, and Louie Haney, all who are also the team captains.

When the home schedule starts later this month for the Raiders, they will have home league matches against the Vikings, Butler, Youngstown State, and wrapping up their season at home against UIC.

On the road, the Raiders will travel to Green Bay, Valparaiso, Loyola and Detroit.

"We focus everyday to be the best at the game," said Curylo. "It doesn't matter what game we are playing, whether it's conference tournament. They're gonna compete, they're gonna compete hard and try to come out on top."

The softball team knows they are one of the best in the Horizon League, but they aren't letting that get to their head.

They are just going to go out and take it one game at a time.

"I continue to challenge them every single day and they just step up and give it back."

Head Coach Lynn Curylo

Dance, cheerleading aim high

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The Wright State University Emerald Jazz and cheerleading teams offer a way for students to get involved with athletics on campus.

"They both support the men's and women's basketball teams. That is their primary support role," said Joyce Whitaker, advisor to the Emerald Jazz team.

These two teams make up a part of the Spirit Unit that supports Raiders athletics and serves as promoters for the school.

"The second primary support role is actually to be ambassadors to the university," said Whitaker. "Any type of appearances, community service, they are going to be out in the community not only to promote their programs, but foremost to promote the university."

They typically participate in half-time shows at basketball games as well as many pre- and post-game activities.

"They all have functions during game day," said Whitaker. "The cheerleaders are responsible for pre-game and sideline chanting, timeouts and post-game. The dance team is responsible for pretty much the same

except they are dancers and they are promoting halftimes as well."

Even though the two teams share the same goals, they differ in their methods.

The jazz team is specifically a dance team, while the cheerleading team is a group of male and female cheerleaders.

Both of these teams require a big commitment and dedication, like many of the clubs and varsity teams at Wright State.

"They spend about the same amount of time that a sporting team would do," said Whitaker. "They go through the same paces that a sporting team would do."

Emerald Jazz is promoting and supporting the university at a local level and the national one as well.

"The dance team [Emerald Jazz] is going to nationals in April. They are leaving on Wednesday, April 6, to compete on Thursday, April 7 and Friday, April 8 in Daytona Beach, Fla.," said Whitaker. "They will also have an exhibition on April 4 which is a Monday night at 7:00 p.m."

The team is hoping students will come out to see them and will help support them before they leave for nationals.

Also in the near future, the teams will be holding tryouts for the 2011-

2012 dance and cheerleading teams.

The tryouts are open to any and all students that meet the skill criteria.

"We encourage tryouts. We encourage kids that have cheerleading and dance backgrounds to be a part of the program," said Whitaker.

The cheerleading team is also trying to expand in the near future by adding more men to the team.

Any male student can try out for the cheerleading team, even without any prior experience.

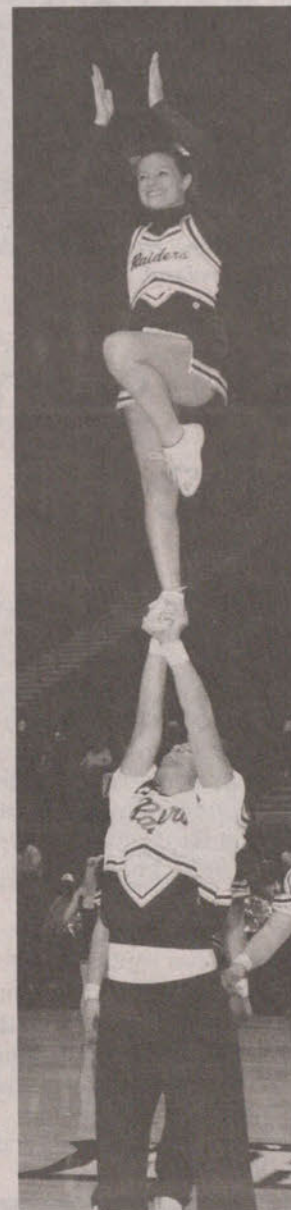
"They just need to show up and we're going to show them everything they need to know," said Whitaker.

Tryouts for the team will take place from Thursday, May 12, to Sunday, May 15, 2011.

There will also be a skill clinic where cheerleaders can come and work on their skill sets on Sunday March 27, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

An added incentive for potential spirit unit members is that they can receive small scholarships through the fundraising they do.

"I do not want anyone to be afraid to try it. We want to be able to promote the university in the most positive light as possible," said Whitaker. "The more kids that we have involved, the more we are going to be able to do."



Swimming finishes fourth at Horizon League Championships



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The swimming and diving teams completed their season in fourth place at the Horizon League Championships this past weekend in Cleveland.

The event started on Wednesday, Feb. 23 and concluded on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Hermanus Botha was a three-event record-breaker, setting school records in the men's 100 freestyle preliminaries. Botha went on to set new records in both the men's 50 and 200 freestyle.

On day two, Botha set a league meet and school record in the men's 50 freestyle with a time of 20.07 seconds.

Botha, a junior, was selected the Men's Performer of the Tournament, finishing with a second overall ranking.

"Bigger and better things can be expected from him next year," said Head Coach Sion Brinn. "Hermanus is always focused on the attention to detail and doing the right things."

The men's 400 relay team, Pawel Grzebala, Adam Carnell, Botha and Scott Bey helped Wright State's cause by setting a school record with a time of 2:58.31 seconds.

Pawel Grzebala finished second place in two events, the men's 1,650 freestyle and the men's 500 freestyle, on day one and two of the tournament.

"He [Grzebala] slammed every

single freestyle even," said Brinn. "Pawel was the first man on all relay teams. He showed lots of versatility in all events."

Senior Scott Bey also performed well throughout the weekend, finishing third in the men's 100 backstroke and fourth in the men's 100 butterfly.

The men's 200 free and 200 medley teams each finished fourth with similar times of 1:21.50 seconds and 1:31.97 seconds, while the 800 free relay finished third with a time of 6:39.80 seconds.

On the women's side Krystyna Wieszczak won the women's 200 backstroke and Hannah Jones finished tied second in the 200 breaststroke.

The women's 200 medley relay team of Krystyna Wieszczak, Makenzie Weldon, Rasa Zilinskaite and Kelli Reynolds set a school record of 1:43.46 seconds.

The women's 400 medley team of Wieszczak, Weldon, Zilinskaite, and Molly Pipkorn set a new WSU record with a 3:46.52 second finish.

"I was really happy with the team to come together and show that hard work works," said Brinn, following the team's performance at the Horizon League Championships.

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The swimming and diving teams capped off their 2010-2011 season as they finished in fourth place at the Horizon League Championships held from Wed., Feb. 23 to Sat., Feb. 26 in Cleveland.

WSU senior attended over 350 Raider athletic events during college career

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Senior Charles Grove takes his passion for Raider athletics to a new level when it comes to being a fan.

Grove served as manager for the men's basketball team his freshman year when Brad Brownell was here and he has gotten to know each player since then.

Being an education major has not stopped Grove from rooting on his beloved Raiders day in and day out.

Grove became impressed with the student section when he was a senior at CJ, and he was in attendance when WSU beat Butler in 2007 for the Horizon League Championship and a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

"Seeing the student section just to

capacity and the passion that I hadn't seen in years before that year, it was nice to see I was having something to come to and have an opportunity to be a part of something big," said Grove.

During his time at WSU, Grove has attended around 350 Raider athletic games.

His favorite memory is from this season when the Raiders knocked off Butler, 69-64 on Jan. 16 at the Nutter Center.

Despite having lost his mother right before he came to Wright State, it has not hampered Grove's desire to cheer on the Raiders.

At every game, you can expect Grove to be there letting the Raiders' opponent hear about it.

"Nothings off limits, except for maybe cussing," said Grove.



Senior Charles Grove has attended around 350 Raider athletic games. Grove was all smiles as he cheered on the Raiders to a 60-50 Horizon League Tournament win over Green Bay.

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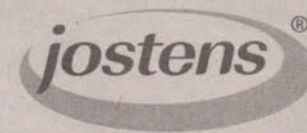
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